



Healthy Homes Healthy Lives

Organizers for Green and Healthy Housing

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Boston Urban Asthma Coalition



Who We Are

- Boston Tenant Coalition
- City Life/Vida Urbana
- Chinese Progressive Association
- Committee for Boston Public Housing
- Breath of Life Dorchester (BOLD)
- Greater Bowdoin Geneva Association
- Greater Four Corners Action Coalition
- Project R.I.G.H.T.
- Roxbury Neighborhood Council
- Lead Action Collaborative
- Boston Urban Asthma Coalition



OGH2 Goals

- Educate & raise aware of community residents
- Advocate for increased city commitment
- Collaborate on green & healthy affordable housing
- Advocate with developers to increase green & healthy housing
- Advocate for more resources



Environmental Justice





What is healthy and green affordable housing?

- Lead, asthma trigger and injury-free
- Reduces CO2 emissions
- Lower energy and water costs
- Comfortable
- Easy to maintain
- Maintains affordability
- Smoke-free



10 Steps for Green and Healthy Homes

FOR HEALTHY AIR advocate for:

1. Proper ventilation that meets industry standards
2. Carpet-free, smoke-free and pest-free homes
3. Good, quality construction and renovation – BUAC Guidance – to prevent mold



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FOR SAFE AND LEAD FREE HOMES
advocate for:

4. Lead testing and de-leading of homes built before 1978
5. Injury and fire prevention with safe windows, stairways, bathrooms and good lighting, working carbon monoxide and fire alarms, good maintenance of combustion equipment, and working fire exits



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FOR A STRONG COMMUNITY PROCESS

Advocate for:

6. Inclusive community planning process that includes community goals and vision



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FOR WATER AND ENERGY

CONSERVATION Advocate for:

7. Water conservation through efficient and effective plumbing fixtures and rain water reuse
8. Homes with energy efficient heating and cooling, lighting, Energy Star appliances and alternative energy sources in a tight building shell that has good insulation and ventilation



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FOR TOXIC-FREE HOMES AND VIBRANT COMMUNITIES Advocate for:

9. Non-toxic and recycled, regional materials
10. Careful site location that promotes healthy behaviors, open space, public transportation, walking, biking and community involvement



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